



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee Report
February 24, 2009**

The Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee met three times since the AWIB meeting in October 2008. The committee worked on the following issues since the last board meeting:

1. Regional Advisory Councils (RAC's)
2. Strategic Directives and Top Priorities
3. By Law Revisions

Regional Advisory Councils

The Regional Advisory Council Representatives have had three teleconference meetings since the October 2008 board meeting. These meetings have provided an opportunity to network and share ideas, and discuss regional issues. To date occupational priorities have been received from 7 of the 9 Regional Advisory Councils. The representatives from the Regional Advisory Councils have been invited to attend the February AWIB meeting and reception. The Regional Advisory Council contact information and occupational priorities are attached for your review.

Strategic Directives and Top Priorities

The top three directives for the Policy & Planning and Assessment & Evaluation Committee to be (listed from highest):

1. Collaboration and partnerships both interdepartmental and across disciplines, state & federal agencies, non-profits, education & labor, corrections, industry and communities. This includes knowledge of all providers of training and resources and the need for a coordinated training system for Alaska.
2. Create employer incentives to increase Alaska hire. Recognition for employers, i.e. best value contracting (points for resident hire). Potential incentives – tax incentives, paid training scholarships. Governor's Citation, DOA Procurement Orientation.
3. Provide maximum employment of residents as part of plan in the state's future development of resources and infrastructure.

The committee continues to work with the regional advisory councils to accomplish the above strategic directives and priorities.

By-Law Revisions

The committee was charged with revising Article IX of the AWIB by laws. The revision addresses board member designees. The revised by-laws are attached for AWIB review and approval at this meeting.